

**James McCoy, Fire Chief
Austin Fire Department**



**122 First Avenue NE
Austin, Minnesota 55912
Phone: 507-433-3405
www.ci.austin.mn.us**

Third quarter for the Austin Fire Department is our largest quarter for public education. It involves fire education to preschool through adults.

Personnel

- Application process open to hire additional part-time fire staff
- Practice and actual physical agility and written tests conducted for part-time fire applicants
- Staff member attending Leadership Austin

Call Statistics

- 622 emergency calls for services in the third quarter

Projects

- Rearranged bay with anticipation of the three new apparatus arrival between now and mid-summer 2024
- Spec'ed new ladder truck at Pierce in Appleton, WI
- Pump and Hose Testing

Training

- In-house and additional training for staff and conference attended
 - Aerial Operations
 - Demonstrating the Effectiveness of Fire Sprinkler Systems
 - Emergency Driving
 - Emergency Responder Communication Enhancement Systems
 - EMS Basics
 - Fire Alarm Systems
 - Fire Extinguisher
 - Fire Instructor Refresher
 - Fire Investigation Legalities & Potential Pitfalls
 - Fire Sprinkler Plan Review and Installation Issues
 - Grain Bin Rescue
 - High Rise Packs & Hose Rolls
 - Hose Deployment
 - Learning Environment
 - Lexipol Policies
 - LODD Case Study, Lightning Strikes & CSST Fires
 - Medical Training – I Gel
 - Mill on Main Walk-Thru
 - MSFC – Interior Finish, Decorative Material & Furnishings: The Final Frontier
 - Mutual Aid Relations
 - Officer Communications
 - Officer Refresher
 - Overview of NFPA 72 Compliance Methods
 - Professional Public Perception Refresher
 - Providing Clarity to the Provisions & Principles of Egress
 - Pump & Primer Operations & Theory
 - Recognizing Heat Related Emergencies
 - Rehab & Hydrant Pump Operations
 - Rope Rescue
 - State of Michigan Cannabis Program
 - Tell Your Story Through Incident Reporting
 - Water Rescue

Public Education

- Provided fire education and safety presentations to local elementary public/private school aged children including kindergarten and preschools, group of senior citizens and during Church Block Party and National Night Out
- Delivered fire extinguisher training to local businesses
- Gave station tours to various groups and walk-in visitors

Other

- Conducted business, home safety and firework sales inspections
- Inspected rental properties with planning and zoning department
- Checked and installed smoke/co alarms and batteries for home owners within our community
- Provided new APD hires CPR and First Aid training
- Verified, inspected and approved fire alarm and sprinkler test
- Approved, inspected and supervised firework display event
- Participated in Fourth of July parade, Mower County Daycare Day at the Fair and Games People Play 40th Anniversary Event
- Coordinated with other local fire departments to provide fire protection for the Mower County Fair Grandstand events.